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Cactus District Weekly Update

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Welcome to this week's Cactus District Weekly Update!

[Cactus District Website](#)

SAVE THE DATE - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

I invite all Cactus District residents to my upcoming Cactus District Meeting that will be on Thursday, October 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Manistee Ranch, 5127 W. Northern. Please let your neighbors know. I look forward to seeing you there!

Glendale Honored For Stormwater Conservation Efforts.

On September 12, the City of Glendale and the City of Mesa received the Crescordia Award from Arizona Forward. The award recognizes the two cities for their partnership in developing a Low Impact Development (LID) Toolkit. LID utilizes the landscape to absorb storm runoff, reducing offsite flows that can contribute to flooding and



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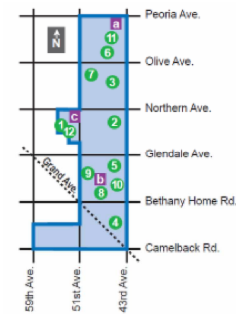
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Cactus District Amenities



and utilize storm water runoff to support native and designed landscapes. The toolkit can supplement, and sometimes reduce the need for, traditional methods for storm water management. This is considered the Academy Award in the environmental arena, Crescordia is a Greek term that means "To Grow in Harmony." The LID Toolkit won top honors in the Healthy Communities - Public Policies/Plans category. I want to congratulate the Water Services Department for their achievements in storm water conservation.



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Amenities

Glendale Receives Three Arizona Festival Industry Awards.

Glendale's Communications Department and the Office of Special Events staff once again have been recognized for its talent and creativity. The city recently received three Arizona Talent in Event Concepts (AzTEC) awards at the group's annual conference.

AzTEC recognizes the best in local recreation and event professionals and organizations throughout the state. Glendale won two gold awards, one for its Winter Wonderland in the category of Best Kids Element (Frozen movie, with Olaf crafts and visits with Anna) and a second for the Glitter & Glow Block Party for Best Photo of Participant. Glendale staff also received a silver award for the Spirit of Giving event for the Best Charity or Fundraiser (Go Recycle Arizona - textile donations, all funds went to Glendale's From the Heart program.) All of Glendale's awards were presented in the category of festivals with attendance over 20,000.

For more information on Glendale's award-winning festivals including an upcoming calendar, visit www.glendaleaz.com/events/.

Glendale's Teddy Bear Event Draws Record Donations for Charity Programs.

Glendale's Teddy Bear Day event, held in downtown Glendale on Saturday, September 12, drew more than 800 people and brought in



Remembering 9-11

Tulip Tree owner Judy Haenel gave away a dozen roses to anyone over 18 years old on 9/11 to remember the victims of the 9/11 attacks.

The roses were free with one caveat, the purpose was to take one rose and share the rest. The rose is a symbol of love and friendship. A deep red rose can symbolize honor, sacrifice and serve as a memorial but can also lift someone's spirits.



Glendale Vice Mayor Ian Hu
Judy Haenel, Councilmember
Lauren Tolmachoff, Mayor
Jerry Weiers, and Glendale
Resident Ken Balog.
Picture courtesy of Bette
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Trucks and Construction Open for Exploring at the Empire Cat Touch a Truck.

Kids of all ages will enjoy discovering trucks, finding out how they operate, climbing through the and exploring the worlds in which they work at Glendale's Empire Cat Touch a Truck event on Saturday, October 17. This free family event will be held from a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Westgate Entertainment District east parking lot, 6770 N



event-record donations for two different programs.



One focus of the event was a teddy bear donation drive to benefit the Glendale Fire Department's Trauma Teddy program, in which first responders in Glendale are supplied with teddy bears in their response vehicles to help calm children in emergency situations. This year, about 550 bears were collected, which far exceeded the previous high of 300 bears, a record for the event's 11-year history.

In addition, the event collected funds for Arizona Search Dogs, who were on site during the day doing demonstrations for visitors. Arizona Search Dogs is a nonprofit (501c3) organization that trains, certifies, and develops Canine Search Specialist teams to be mobilized with USAR (Urban Search and Rescue) task forces and to assist state and local jurisdictions in urban and wilderness search and rescue activities. Donations reached \$1,500 for the group during Teddy Bear Day.

"We've loved celebrating National Teddy Bear day in Glendale for years. The community involvement in this event is growing each and every year and knowing that the Glendale Fire Department will have wonderful bears to give to children in a time of crisis, well, that just gives me warm fuzzies," said Valerie Burner, owner of Bears & More and event chair. "Girl Scout Troop 2636 did a 24-hour challenge to sell 100 bears, and they exceeded that by 28! The fund raiser for Arizona Search Dogs is something we work on year round, partnering with a few of my business neighbors who helped us raise a record amount for them this year, too."

To see photos from the day of the event, check out the online photo album on [Flickr](#). For additional information on downtown events and promotions, visit www.visitglendale.com/.

Learn about how you can get more involved in your community at Volunteer Open House September 26.

The volunteer open house will be an opportunity to learn more about Historic Sahuaro Ranch and the various volunteer opportunities that are available. Attendees will also be able to meet the staff and some of the current volunteers.

Sunrise Blvd.

Commercial and industrial vehicles including a stretch limousine, tow truck, fire trucks, dump trucks, commercial bucket loaders, sanitation vehicles, backhoes and 18-wheelers will be on site to explore. Live equipment demonstrations will also take place.

Along with the trucks there are special activities for children, including inflatables, a sand play area, a miniature roadway with toy vehicles called Tiny T Drivers and The Big Dig where children can try their hand at scooping sand with contraption that works like a backhoe.

Admission to the event is free and no registration is required. Bring a camera capture photos of family behind the wheels.

Empire Cat Touch a Truck is a Glendale Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services event and is presented by Arizona Trucking Association, Westgate Entertainment District, Bedrock Sand & Gravel, CEMEX and Walmart Transportation.

For more information, visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation or call 623-930-2820.



Refreshments will be served. 10 a.m., Saturday, September 26, at the Fruit Packing Shed of Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave. For more information, call 623-930-4200.

Got Hazardous Waste? Let Glendale Pick It Up

For Free. Most of us have cleaning chemicals or other hazardous items lying around the house or garage that we don't know what to do with. But Glendale's got a solution. The city's solid waste crews will come to your home to pick up your items and dispose of them safely.

Twice a year, Glendale's Solid Waste Division offers the free service, to the first 750 households that make a reservation. Residents can call to schedule a pick-up September 28 through October 23, and collections will be done between October 23 and November 6.

The service not only helps residents avoid transporting dangerous products, but helps keep regular garbage collections safer. The improper disposal of household hazardous waste can cause problems for the entire community. Simple items that mix together can cause fires or deadly poisonous vapors that can harm city workers or others. In fact, Glendale Fire responds to 300 household hazardous waste incidents a year.

Residents can sign up for a free household hazardous waste pick-up service by contacting the Solid Waste Division at 623-930-2660. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis up to 750 households. Hazardous materials that will be accepted include paints and stains, antifreeze and other automotive fluids, pesticides, motor oil and filters, batteries, pool chemicals and household cleaners. Items that are **unacceptable** are explosives, radioactive materials, tires, drums, ammunition and medical or business waste. There is a 20-gallon limit on paint, oil, gasoline, antifreeze and other automotive liquids. No single container may be larger than five gallons. All items should be in their original containers and must be clearly marked to identify their contents.

For more information, call the Solid Waste Division at 623-930-2660, or visit glendaleaz.com/sanitation/.

Coffee with a Con



Join your neighbors and Police Officer for Coffee and Conversation. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood.

For more information call Crime Prevention Specialist Doreen Anderson at 623-695-0440.

October 19, 2015

6 p.m.

Submarino's at 7910 N. 43 Ave Suite 6

Glendale Police Department Shred Event.

Saturday, **October 3 from 8 to 11 a.m.** at Target, 10404 N. 43rd Ave., Southwest Parking Lot Area. Four (4) banker boxes limit per household. Due to demand, event may conclude if trucks are full. For further information contact Doreen Anderson, Crime Prevention Specialist at 623-930-4044.

Glendale Water: Celebrating a Century of Service

9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, October 3, at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historical Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave., and the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Happy 100th anniversary Glendale Water Services Department! Quench your thirst for knowledge by learning about Glendale's unique water history, drought, and conservation at this free celebration. Go back in time by touring historic Sahuaro Ranch Park from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Stay for presentations, refreshments, and information booths at the Glendale Main Library from 10 a.m. to noon. Attendees to receive free efficiency devices and a desert-friendly plant (first-come, first-served). Register by calling 623-930-3760 or emailing wsimonson@glendaleaz.com. For more information, visit www.glendaleaz.com/utilities/.

October 2015 Event and Activity Listings.

The following events are offered from the city of Glendale Parks & Recreation and Library Services Divisions in October. The programs are free unless otherwise stated. To see many more events and activities. please visit



www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation/and
www.glendaleaz.com/library/.

New Fall Hours at the Velma Teague Library

Beginning October 1, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

The Velma Teague Library's new operating hours:

Monday & Thursday: 1-8 p.m.

Tuesday & Wednesday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Friday & Sunday: Closed

Saturday: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

For more information, call 623-930-3430.

October Is National Reading Group Month

Did you know that the Glendale Libraries have several book discussion groups? You can try Afternoon Readers; Best of the West; Classics; 58th Avenue; Gentle Reads; Mystery Readers; A Novel Approach; Real to Reel; Velma's Clues; Shelf Discovery; and/or Kearsten's Teen Book Club. For more information about these groups, visit www.glendaleaz.com/library/. Learn more about National Reading Group Month at www.nationalreadinggroupmonth.org/.

Ongoing Drop-in Exercise Classes At the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St.

Classes adapted for older adults. Call 623-930-4321 for more information or visit www.glendaleaz.com/adultcenter/exercisefitness.cfm.

Zumba Gold

2 to 2:55 p.m., every Monday/Wednesday/Friday
Class is free to members, \$5 per class drop-in fee for non-members.

T'ai Chi - Essentials

1 to 2 p.m., every Tuesday
Class is free to members, \$5 per class drop-in fee for non-members.

Yoga Basics

2:15 to 3:15 p.m., every Tuesday/Thursday
\$5 per class drop-in fee.



Zumba

3:30 to 4:30 p.m., every Tuesday/Thursday
\$5 per class drop-in fee.

Hallowe'en 1930s Style

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday - Saturday, and 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, October 1-31, at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historical Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave.

Experience Hallowe'en 1930s style at the Main House Museum at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area. From decorations to costumes to party activities, learn how people of the era celebrated the holiday. As you tour the Main House, discover how the Smith Family, Sahuaro Ranch owners in the 1930s, might have decorated for a costume party. This tour is a great experience for all ages. For more information, call 623-930-4201.

Be a Library Superhero - Become a Friend!

October 18-24 is National Friends of Libraries Week, but we're celebrating Library friends throughout October, culminating in a superheroic fundraiser. For more information about National Friends of Libraries Week, visit www.ala.org/united/events_conferences/folweek.

Tell Your Story: Superhero Story-time & Craft

1 p.m., Thursday, October 22, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 28, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

11 a.m., Wednesday, October 28, at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

Calling all preschool avengers! Come to our special superhero storytime, dressed in your best heroic outfit, and fight evil by reading books! After storytime, stay for a brief craft. Program is designed for ages 3-6. For more information, call 623-930-3537 (Main); 623-930-3437 (Velma Teague); or 623-930-3837 (Foothills).

Friends of the Library Book Fair at Barnes & Noble

Friday, October 30 & Saturday, October 31



Be a library superhero at this special Barnes & Noble Book Fair being held to support the Friends of the Glendale Public Library. On October 30 & 31, a portion of all Barnes & Noble product sales will go to the Friends, a nonprofit support group whose mission is to advocate and raise funds for the Glendale Library system. Simply mention the Friends of the Glendale Public Library when making any purchases on these two dates at any Barnes & Noble (in store or online), and the Friends will receive a portion of the proceeds. In addition, the Arrowhead Barnes & Noble store (7685 W. Bell Rd.) will host free, superhero-themed activities such as the Superhero Scavenger Hunt! Children are encouraged to dress in their favorite superhero costume or create a hero of their own. No purchase is necessary to participate. Call 623-930-3530 for more information.

Sahuaro Ranch Site Tour

11 a.m., Friday, October 2 and Saturday, October 3,
at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 9802 N.
59th Ave.

Learn about the various buildings, barnyard, trees
and groves. Meet at the Main House front porch. Call
623-930-4201 for more information.

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